# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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SPURIOUS PESTICIDES
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the farmers are reportedly getting duplicate/sub- standard/adulterated/spurious pesticides resulting in damaging of their crops;

(b) if so, the name of States in which such cases have been reported during each of the last three years and thereafter;

(c) whether the Government keeps any check on sale of sub-standard pesticides in the country;

(d) if so, the number of pesticides samples collected and analysed during each of the last three years and current year and number out of them found to have been sub- standard, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government has identified the companies engaged in manufacturing of such sub-standard pesticides;

(f) if so, the details of such manufacturers along with the action taken against them during the above period, State-wise; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of standard pesticides to farmers well in time ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)& (b): Government regulates the manufacture and use of pesticides under the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968. The Registration Committee, constituted under Section 5 of the Insecticides Act, 1968, registers pesticides only after being satisfied of their efficacy and safety. Approximately 3.5% of the pesticide samples analysed in State Pesticide Testing Laboratories are found to be misbranded. The State Governments regulate the manufacture, quality and sale of registered pesticides.

During the year, 2006-07, wheat crop over an area of 2735 ha. has been reported to have been damaged due to the use of spurious weedicide in the State of Haryana.

(c): Quality assurance of pesticides is ensured by the State Governments through regular drawl and analysis of pesticide samples through a network of Insecticide Inspectors, Insecticide Analysts and pesticides testing laboratories. Under the provisions of the Act penal action is launched by the States against manufacturers and vendors of spurious and substandard pesticides.

(d): The State-wise number of pesticide samples analysed and found misbranded in State Pesticides Testing Laboratories (SPTLs) and Regional Pesticides Testing Laboratories (RPTLs) is given in Annexure-I, II.

(e) & (f): Action is taken against the manufacturers of misbranded pesticides in accordance with the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968. State-wise details of action taken is given in Annexure-III.

(g): The Government promotes judicious use of pesticides through its policy of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The Registration Committee, constituted under Section 5 of the Insecticides Act, registers pesticides only after being satisfied of their efficacy and safety. The Registration Committee has framed simplified guidelines for the registration of pesticides especially in respect of bio-pesticides. Government of India provides assistance to State Governments for establishing and strengthening Pesticides Testing laboratories. Government of India ensures the availability of pesticides in the States from time to time through regular reviews.